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Docket No.: BBNT-P01-368  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Partridge et al.

Application No.: 09/881145

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Art Unit: 2151

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
IDENTIFYING A PACKET

Examiner: K. B. Divecha

### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. The time period for response has been extended to November 18, 2006, by the accompanying petition for a one-month extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.